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Marginal Column
By "COMMENTATOR"

WHATEVER sensational declarations are made in Cairo during the next few days, there is no reason to assume that they will preclude startling new developments in Anglo-Egyptian relations in the near future. In view of the impasse reached, the centre of gravity in Cairo has again shifted to the domestic scene.

Egypt's oldest party, the Nationalists, founded by Mustafa Kemal 50 years ago, appears to be slowly but surely fading away. It has been split into two for some time and now Hafiz Ramadan, the party's majority leader, wishes to resign. Fikri Abaza, one of the Egyptian press lords, wishes to inherit his position, but he is opposed by some of the Nationalist Old Guard and there might be more splits in store. Meanwhile Hilal Pasha, the Prime Minister, continues in his attempts to found a new party. According to one Cairo weekly he is already indicated by his willingness to resign from his government post. But King Farouk wishes to retain him. The new party would hope to include both the Sa'adists, the Liberal-Constitutionalists, some of the younger Wafdist and Makram Obaid who has been heralded for some weeks now as the coming man. But will the Sa'adists agree to serve under Hilal? And how can the new party contain both the Sa'adists (who are bitterly opposed to the Moslem Brotherhood) and Makram Obaid, the ex-Secretary of the Wafd, who has recently become their great friend?

INTERESTING developments have been noticeable inside the Moslem Brotherhood leadership. Their Supreme Guide, Hassan el Hodeibi, has again declared that Islam should serve only Moslem governments and interests and not become the "instrument of such Western ideas as democracy, fascism and communism." His party newspaper elaborated on this and said that the new Islamic bloc should comprise not only the Arab League countries but practically all States from Morocco to Indonesia, including Transvaal (!). For some reason or other the writer forgot in his long list to mention Arab Palestine, which provided a telling point for the political enemies of the "Brotherhood." The deputy of the "Supreme Guide," Saleh Ashmawi, has been concerned with more topical issues. The Cairo censor passed an article in which he demanded the continuation of the "holy war," the rupture of diplomatic relations with Britain, and an "organized struggle" in general. England has remained the favourite scapegoat. The economic situation steadily grows worse, the price of cotton has fallen by 40 per cent. Can there be any doubt that this is a new British intrigue?

MEANWHILE Egyptian suffragettes continue their fight. The Grand Mufti of Egypt has sharply condemned the demand of the "daughters of the Nile" to be given the franchise. A Moslem Brotherhood spokesman has been more liberal; he would not oppose women's suffrage on condition that they are veiled. One of the feminists has already replied that this is utterly unacceptable. A professor of law from Ibrahim University published an original proposal in "Al Zeman": Married women, he says, should be given the franchise, yet their husbands should vote for them. He said in explanation that "collectivist rayonism" existed in 80 per cent of all Egyptian families. But what about unmarried women? Well, says the professor, it might be an incentive for them to marry...

Jerusalem, May 18.

**U.S. Federal Court Orders
Dissolution of Cartel**

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — A Federal Court has ordered the dissolution of a world cartel in munitions, arms, chemicals and nylon. The order prohibits the British Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., the American E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, and Remington Arms from dividing territory and allocating customers and markets "so as to unlawfully limit the commerce of the U.S." It was also ruled that the Court shall retain jurisdiction over the corporation for five years.

**U.S. Pressing
Tunis Reforms**

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — The State Department has been urging the French Government to speed up "legitimate" reforms in North Africa in order to reduce dissensions, officials stated here today. They denied, however, that any formal note has been handed to the French Government on the subject.

**Bombing Affrays
Continue in Tunis**

TUNIS, Saturday. — Several new terrorist attacks were reported in Tunisia after the French Cabinet Minister, Emmanuel Temple, met the Bey asking for his help in speedy repression of Nationalist activities. The home of the Municipal Council President on the island of Jerba was bombed, and a mine exploded under the motor of the Sfax-Tunis train, without causing any casualties. Another bomb explosion is reported from the Old City of Tunis, and long distance telephone wires were again destroyed.

Several more Arabs have been arrested, and one was shot dead last night when he defied the orders of the gendarmes and fled when called on to "show his papers." The French authorities fear that incidents may increase during Ramadan, which gives an excellent opportunity for demonstrations. M. Temple, Minister for War Veterans Affairs, claimed that he had won new promises of co-operation from the Bey but did not disclose the nature of these promises.

A Neo-Destour spokesman stated in Paris today that Tunisian nationalist leader Habib Bourguiba called by France to the island of Gallie of Northern Tunisia, is ill and that "his state of health is preventing him from leaving."

The Neo-Destour permanent representative in France, Mamoudi, alleged that Bourguiba is treated like a common criminal. "We stress that these measures against Bourguiba show that France wants to delay a solution of the Tunisian problem," he added.

**FUEL CONSUMPTION
ON E.C. AGENDA**

The question of fuel consumption will head the agenda of the Economic Advisory Council on Monday in the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem. It has been announced officially.

**WO SAILBOATS CAPSIZE
IN SUDDEN SQUALL**

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Two boats sailing down the coast from Haifa today capsized during the sudden squall which hit the country about midday. None of the youthful sailors was injured, although fears for one of them were entertained until late this evening when he was picked up by another boat and brought to Tel Aviv.

All three boats were being towed back to Tel Aviv after having been blown north for the Independence Day race which was cancelled. They left Haifa, with Port Police clearance, in clear weather last night and continued in a calm sea until this morning.

The "Buka," of the Zevulun Club at Bat Yam, which had been undergoing repairs at a Haifa workshop, first experienced difficulties shortly after midday, three kilometres off Nathanya. With nine teenagers aboard, she was battered by heavy winds and the crew lowered the sails. At 10.40 she was struck by a sudden squall and capsized. Her captain, 17-year-old Michael Lehman, told his second-in-command, 14-year-old Yosef Shmerling, to remain with the boat and to see that the other youngsters held onto the hull, while Lehman swam ashore to summon aid. He reached land at 1.30, and ran to a nearby Army camp, from where soldiers launched a rubber boat.

Seven Picked Up
Shmerling meanwhile decided that the youngsters could not hold onto the hull any more, and gave instructions for the youths, who had life-belts, to swim to shore. While swimming, seven of them were picked up by the soldiers and helped ashore by police and Fire Brigade members, summoned from Nathanya. The Nathanya Zevulun Club had also launched a boat, but could not regain the shore, because of the heavy wind, and therefore continued to Tel Aviv. While search parties were still seeking for the ninth member of the crew this afternoon, news was received that the Zevulun rescue boat had picked him up and taken him to Tel Aviv.

**Anglo-Persian Dispute
Danger Signal—Lie**

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Trygve Lie, U.N. Secretary-General, tonight called the British-Persian oil dispute a danger signal, warning that the world must adjust itself to the new nationalism in the Middle East and elsewhere.

In a speech prepared for delivery before the Industrial Council at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Mr. Lie said he thought the Persian case could be settled with the help of the United Nations.

Speaking of the general situation in the Middle East he said: "The Middle East needs Western techniques and capital in the development of its oil industry. At the same time nationalism is a strong and growing force in this whole area and nationalism exists side by side with widespread poverty and a growing demand for economic development for the benefit of the people."

"In this situation a far-sighted policy, aimed at partnership on a fair and equal basis with these countries, will bring rewards to all concerned. Anything less will result in endless friction and trouble."

**75-Kilometre Wind
Breaks Heat Spell**

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — Yesterday morning's slight shower was suddenly broken shortly after noon by strong winds which reached a velocity of 75 kilometres an hour in some sections of the country, the Meteorological Service announced here today. Sand storms occurred in the Negev.

The strong winds were caused by a cold front which moved in from the West, it was said.

The Tel Aviv Sea Scouts, 133 occupants were Nisim Israel, 22 Zee Spector, 11, and Shabai Rabin, 12. Two others were due to have sailed, but changed their minds at the last minute. When the cold front hit at 2 a.m., the cabin changed at first into a moderate and then to an increasingly stronger northerly wind. The instructor, ordered the sail lowered, and the boat, pitching and tossing violently, reached Sidi Ali, near Herzlia, where it capsized in waves reaching a height of three metres. The three sailors held on to the boat for a while, but growing weaker from the effort of resisting the pressure of the waves, they swam ashore, wearing life belts.

**Doctors Advise Talal
Long Europe Trip**

King Talal of Jordan is to leave late this month for a prolonged stay in Europe, most of which he will spend in Switzerland, NEARBS reported yesterday.

**U.S. Oil Strikers
Still Holding Out**

DENVER, Saturday (Reuter). — American oil workers whose 17 day oil strike has cut off air services on both sides of the Atlantic drifted slowly back to work today. But there was no general return, as wage settlements with individual firms were reached less quickly than had been expected.

**U.S. Sends More
Troops to Koje
Prisoners Camp**

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.S. 187th Airborne Infantry Regiment today moved into Koje Island, where thousands of Communist prisoners of war have had bloody clashes with their guards and recently held the commandant hostage for 70 hours.

General Mark Clark, U.N. Commander, announcing the move said Communist prisoners and civilian internees had "threatened mass outbreaks which inevitably would result in additional violence and bloodshed." He said the 187th Regiment reinforced troops already on Koje at the request of General James Van Fleet, the 8th Army Commander.

General Clark said unruly prisoners and internees on the island were "obviously acting under instructions from outside agents." He declared: "I do not propose to countenance for one moment unlawful acts on the part of these prisoners of war and civilian internees."

**Woman Killed
By Marauders**

HADERA, Saturday. — Mrs. Bina Michael, 25, mother of a three-year-old girl, was murdered in her home in a settlement in the Samaria District after midnight on Thursday night.

Hearing a suspicious noise outside the house, she went into the kitchen, switched on the light and was shot from close range by marauders outside who used a Stengun. She was rushed, mortally injured, to hospital by the Hadera Red Shield Society, but died on the way. The marauders, whose tracks led to the border, stole a mule.

The body was taken to Haifa for post-mortem examination yesterday morning and was returned to the village for burial in the afternoon.

Mrs. Michael is survived by her husband and daughter.

Infiltrator Killed

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — An infiltrator was killed in an engagement between Nazareth police and a gang of ten men from Jordan in the Central Galilee hills last night.

**1,000 Sailors, 30 Ships
In Merchant Fleet**

Israel's merchant marine has passed its first thousand in personnel and 30 merchant ships now carry the Israeli flag to remote corners of the world, the Minister of Communications, Mr. D.E. Pincas, said yesterday in a statement issued on the eve of Maritime Day. Eight of the freighters were added to the fleet this year, he said.

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The action in Korea had already been a tremendous accomplishment which must not be dissipated by impatience, he said.

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